CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1), (2) and (3). The matter is engaging the consideration of Government. The final orders passed will be duly published.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Puttamallappa, Shikarpur Taluk.

With reference to the answer to my interpellation that final orders of Governmenet will be duly published, will the Government be pleased to state in how many days such orders may be expected?

Dewan.

They may be expected before the October Session.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah.

Will the Government be pleased to state whether the same reply was not given at the last session of the Representative Assembly also, as many of the members of this house may not be aware of such reply.

Dewan.

Obvious questions are not fit to be asked in a dignified House like this. The members know the answer given at the last session.

Q.—34. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether they have passed any orders sanctioning the Anjanapur project?

(2) If orders are not yet passed, when will they sanction the project?

(3) What is the stage at which the project papers are now pending?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) No orders have yet been passed as the estimate has not yet been submitted to Government. But since the estimate is expected to be received shortly, provision of Rs. 10,000 has been made in the next year's budget for the work.

(2) As soon as the project is received, orders will be passed.

(3) The project is stated to be nearly ready for submission in the Chief Engineer's Office. The amount of the estimate is about Rs. 8,66,000. The net cost of the project after deducting realisation from sale of lands and contribution, will be Rs. 6½ lakhs or probably less but the figures are only approximate and the estimate is being carefully scrutinised.

MESSRS. HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO AND JAMMATIGE SHAMA JOIS, KOPPA TALUK. –

Q.—35. (1) Is it a fact that people are arbitrarily assessed to Income-tax with little or no regard to reasonableness of individual cases concerned?

(2) If so, do not Government think the necessity to minimise such arbitrary proceedings of the officials concerned without going into the merits of the cases by an amendment of the Act?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) Government have no reason to think that people are arbitrarily assessed to income-tax by the officers, as stated by the member.

(2) Government have recently issued detailed instructions to Income-tax Officers for their guidance in respect of the assessment of income-tax, with a view to mitigate hardships to assessees.

A copy of the Government Order (No. Fl. 5996-6005-I. T. 35-23-5, dated 28th April 1924) is placed on the table.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.

With refernce to the answer to Interpellation No. 35, section (a), that Govenment have no reason to think that people are arbitrarily assessed to income-tax by the officers, will the Government be pleased to state whether this is not inconsistent with paragraph 2 of the Government Order No. Fl. 5996-6005—I. T. 35-23-5, dated the 28th April 1924 wherein, under the head 'Method of Assessment' it is stated that instances have also come to notice in which, in the absence of the submission of the return of income or of the production of accounts by the assessees, their income has been fixed arbitrarily by the assessing officer?